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REMARKS

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Claims 1-11 remain in this application.

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The Office Action requires election of an invention from the following: Group I including claims 1-3 and 8-11, drawn to a method to form a strip/tire, classified in class 156, subclass 130 or class 264 or Group II including claims 4-7, drawn to an apparatus for forming a rubber strip, classified in class 425, subclass 143.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-3 and 8-11, drawn to a method to form a strip/tire, classified in class 156, subclass 130 or class 264.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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